

## Password Protection Month: *Computer security vital to Air Force mission*

**By Staff Sgt. Heather Shelton**  
**8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

In today's Air Force the use of computer technology is a necessity. With the invention of the Internet, e-mail and local area networks, computer security violations can pose a serious threat to the Air Force's mission. All military members are responsible for computer security, which is why the month of July is dedicated to password protection.

According to Staff Sgt. Jason Rootes, 8th Communications Squadron, the Network Control Center attempts to crack passwords at least once a week.

"If people are not using the proper

password creation rules, their password will be cracked and their account will be disabled," Rootes said. "Before a user's account can be enabled, they must re-accomplish SATE training."

Proper computer passwords must contain the following characters:

- One special character
- Eight characters long
- Alphanumeric characters

Examples of good passwords are [56hseVy!],

or [m\$JD3y0].

Passwords containing all numbers or all letters, full words (English or any other language), names, or well-known dates are prohibited.

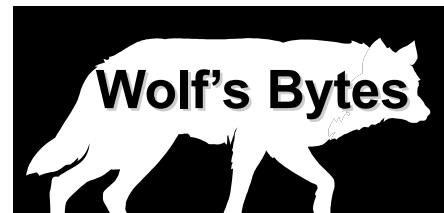
Keeping passwords safe is just as important as choosing a correct one.

"Memorizing your password is the best way to protect it," said Rootes. "If you must write it down until you can memorize it, don't keep it near your computer. Also, don't tell your password to anyone."

Keeping passwords secret seems like a no-brainer, however password violations happen every day. According to Rootes, if anyone ever asks for your password, contact the NCC immediately.

"One example of people asking for your password is through e-mail saying they are from the NCC and have lost the password database and need to restore it," said Rootes. "The NCC will never need to do this, we have backups."

Maintaining computer security and password protection is vital to the Air Force's mission. For more information on password protection or computer security, call the NCC at 782-2666.



Congratulations to the 35th Fighter Squadron Pantons who claimed victory during the 8th Fighter Wing crud tournament on June 6. Lt. Col. Mike Beale, 35th FS commander, Lt. Col. Mark Picton, Cpts. Gene Cassingham and Jason Plourde will fly to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, to compete against other crud teams across the Pacific Air Forces command in October.

Twelve teams including the 8th Services Squadron, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron, our two U.S. Army batteries and the Juvats competed in the tournaments here, and some great plays were made among this competition!

Because of the influx of new people arriving to Kunsan during this peak summer season, some of the new Wolf Pack members aren't aware that Kunsan gets a lot of rain. The Republic of Korea typically gets about 44 inches of rain annually, 60 percent of which typically falls between May and September, and the heaviest of that rain between July and August.

Another interesting fact is that Kunsan Air Base sits on reclaimed land, which means that until about 1938, this property belonged to the Yellow Sea. Around the base, we have quite a few areas that tend to flood. If and when that happens, we will call on the entire base to pitch in, filling and stacking sandbags to help protect our resources.

It's a good idea to keep your wet weather gear handy and you may want to buy an umbrella. Remember to stay tuned to Channel 8 for local weather updates and advisories.

On Wednesday, the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services, or DACOWITS, will be visiting Kunsan to discuss issues and concerns of military members serving in the military today, particularly the family concerns and quality of life issues that are unique to Kunsan. The DACOWITS committee will have focus groups at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at the Loring Club. All military personnel are encouraged to attend. Contact your group representatives to reserve a seat.

May God have mercy on the Wolf Pack's prey!

## Troops punished for UCMJ violations

**By Staff Sergeant Shawn Bauer**  
**8th Fighter Wing Legal Office**

Eight members of the Wolf Pack received punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) during the month of June.

An airman 1st class from the 8th Security Forces Squadron was found guilty of violating a lawful general regulation by drinking underage. The commander imposed a punishment of suspended reduction to the grade of airman and forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months.

Another airman 1st class from the 8th SFS was found guilty of violating a lawful general regulation by drinking underage. The commander imposed a punishment of suspended reduction to the grade of airman and forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months.

An airman 1st class from the 8th SFS was found guilty of underage drinking, and disorderly conduct. The commander imposed a punishment of suspended reduction to the grade of airman, forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for one month, 15 days restriction, 15 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

A master sergeant from the 8th SFS was found guilty of eight counts of dereliction. The commander imposed a punishment of suspended reduction to the grade of technical sergeant, forfeiture of \$400 pay per month for two months, 30 days restriction to base, and 30 days extra duty.

An airman 1st class from the 8th Communications Squadron was found guilty of violating a lawful general

regulation by viewing pornography on a government computer. The commander imposed a punishment of suspended reduction to the grade of airman, 45 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

A senior airman from the 8th Logistics Support Squadron was found guilty of insubordination, provoking speeches and gestures, and disorderly conduct. The commander imposed a punishment of reduction to the grade of airman 1st class.

A master sergeant from the 35th Fighter Squadron was found guilty of driving while under the influence. The commander imposed a punishment of suspended reduction to the grade of technical sergeant, forfeiture of \$1000 pay per month for two months, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

A senior airman from the 80th Fighter Squadron was found guilty of making a false official statement. The commander imposed a punishment of suspended reduction to the grade of airman 1st class, 14 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

\*\*Suspending a punishment is an option the commander may use when giving an Article 15 punishment. The suspension can be no longer than six months. Should the member commit an infraction of any kind during the six-month probationary period, the commander can then order the suspended punishment to be served.

If however, at the end of six months the member has honorably served the probationary period without incident, the probationary period ends with no action against the member.



**Master Sgt.**  
**Michael Porter**



## Pride of the Pack

**Job:** Dental Services Superintendent, 8th Medical Operations Group

**Hometown:** Orchard Park, N.Y.

**Follow-on:** Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

**Hobbies:** Bowling, golf, volleyball and outdoor activities

*Nominees are selected for outstanding service and dedication to their unit. To nominate an individual, contact the member's group commander.*